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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 27 April 1956

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Col. White, Mr. Sheldon, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Helms, Roosevelt, Bissell, Dr. Kent, Gen. Truscott, Mr. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Referred to a memorandum he had received from General Erskine proposing that a meeting be held with representatives of the Departments of State and Defense, CIA and the Atomic Energy Commission to discuss procedures and methods for formulating a world-wide counter-intelligence policy. The Director noted this memorandum stated that the above-mentioned proposal is based on recommendations made by the JCS to the Secretary of Defense and further recommended that the counter-intelligence policy agreed upon be forwarded to the NSC for approval. After considerable discussion it was the consensus of those present that this matter should be channeled through the IAC. The Director indicated he would take the following action: 1) call General Twining (Chairman of the JCS) and obtain the aforementioned recommendations of the Joint Chiefs; 2) seek the views of the members of the IAC; 3) draft a reply to Gen. Erskine. NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting the Director attempted to call General Erskine and upon finding that he was out of the city sent Erskine a letter asking that he get in touch with him upon his return.

b. Referred to his testimony before the Symington Committee and noted that [REDACTED], Mr. Paul and Mr. Stoertz are now going over this material in order to determine what can and cannot be released to the public. The Director said he was concerned as to his duty in this matter and asked for the views of those present, noting that the following points should be taken into consideration; 1) if any of his testimony is published would such action establish a precedent; 2) is he likely to be called before other Congressional Committees, e.g. Foreign Relations, and give his views on the world situation; 3) if any of his testimony is published would he be violating the law in not protecting intelligence methods and sources; 4) should the testimony be made or not be made public in the national interest; 5) if it is made public what would be the effect on other intelligence agencies. After considerable discussion of these points General Cabell recommended that the Director 1) inform the Committee it would not be in the national

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interest to publish all of the testimony in question; 2) furnish the Committee an expurgated portion which could be published provided there is no attribution to CIA. This recommendation was agreed to.

c. Noted he had been informed by [redacted] that the Soviets had approached PanAm with respect to direct service to Moscow. Mr. Bissell said he too had heard this and added that the Soviets had stipulated, however, that no Soviet nor Satellite citizens would be allowed to take advantage of this service.

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e. Noted a State cable from Gov. Stassen respecting a conversation that took place during a luncheon that he (Stassen) had at the Quai d'Orsay and said he would like to give Governor Stassen "a little report" on the matter mentioned in his message upon his return to the US. ACTION: COP.

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Mr. Wisner:

Noted that Amb. Thompson was being debriefed in his office at 3:30 on 30 April and asked the Director if he wished to be present. Mr. Dulles indicated he could not do this but would like to see the Ambassador some time during his visit.

ACTION: [REDACTED]

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Reported on the recent activities of the President's Board of Consultants and noted that: 1) the Board had furnished a three page report to the President indicating the improvements in US intelligence as a result of the Doolittle and Clark Committee reports and that CIA has made a conscious effort to carry out the recommendations of these Committees; 2) five members of the Board plan to meet in Washington on or about 12 May and he did not believe CIA would be called upon for anything during this meeting; 3) several members of the Board are traveling or plan to travel abroad and that yesterday Mr. Kennedy had been given a complete briefing by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on our activities [REDACTED] and to a lesser degree [REDACTED]. The Director asked that he be furnished a full memorandum of these briefings. Mr. Wisner said such a memo is being prepared.

Colonel White:

Noted he had received a call from Mr. Macy of the Bureau of the Budget covering the following points: 1) the supplemental budget will be submitted by 15 May; 2) his (Macy's) initial reaction of the briefing held yesterday on our new building was that CIA should plan a building which would house all of our employees; 3) Macy had requested a summary of the questions and answers asked CIA by our Congressional Budget Committee. The Director approved.

